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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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WT 11-65: *In the matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations*

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I would like to first thank the Commission for considering the input of individuals and organizations in their review process. I am writing to you as President of the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire. Our organization represents over 2,000 active and retired firefighters & paramedics from many New Hampshire communities. In regards to the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, I would like to voice my support for this transaction.

As an organization that represents emergency service personnel, implementing the most effective and most efficient public safety systems is a main concern for us. Fast and reliable communications are extremely important to our industry. For our members, there is no margin for error when it comes to their communications network. Lightning fast communication can often be the difference between life and death. Improved wireless speed and quality will allow communities to build more effective public safety communications system through wireless networks. Parts of New Hampshire are very rural and enhanced wireless communications are very important.

The merger between T-Mobile USA and AT&T promises to bring a high-quality wireless network to nearly all of America. Their 4th Generation LTE network is expected to reach over ninety seven percent of the country within the next several years. The benefits of a state-of-the-art wireless network extend to those people far beyond the industry we represent. People and businesses all over New Hampshire stand to profit off the effects of this deal.

The expansion of service on the part of AT&T and T-Mobile will ultimately mean more jobs are created. Given that AT&T is the only union-neutral wireless provider, the workers will have the option of union representation. Our organization firmly believes that this merger will be good for consumers, workers, and public safety. For this reason, we ask that the FCC permit the transaction to proceed as planned. Thank you once again for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

David Lang, President
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